

Marshfield Conservation Commission
128th (Rescheduled) Meeting
21 Feb 2019

Members Present: Taber Allison, Allen Banbury, Steve Fiske, Ed Jalbert, Anne Miller, Sara Norton, Bob Popp, Annie Reed

Minutes: February minutes accepted unanimously as presented

Treasurers Report: No Report

Watershed Grant:

- Bob, Annie, and Taber worked on a watershed grant to reassess wetlands within the 750 ft setback.
- Need to notify the Select Bd that we submitted the application.
- Most members agreed to assist with landowner identification and contact

Forestry Legacy Easement:

- Forest Service still awaiting an appraisal on the property.
- FPR is requesting a 3 month extension

Natural Marshfield Update:

- Netted \$337 from Sue Morse "Celebrity Naturalist" presentation
- Were 80 folks in attendance
- Suggestion to invite Jim Andrews to make a presentation on the Reptile/Amphibian Atlas
- He is soliciting funding so it can be continued
- Anne suggested soliciting sponsors to help cover the cost.
- Nicko Rubin will discuss fruit tree growing & pruning on **Wed 13 March**
- Roger Hill will discuss Climate Change on **Sat, March 9th**.

Stranahan Stewardship Committee

- Moving towards a rotating chair, changing monthly
- Recreation Plan is done
- Beginning to discuss the Forest Management Plan
- Ed suggested referring to Vt Conservation Design
- Approved a new mt. bike trail from Jake Martin parking lot and heading south. Some concern about a wet spot that needs some remediation.

Plant Sale Update:

- Requested larger apple trees this year from Nicko
- Also offering pear, blueberries, walnuts, hydrangeas, sugar maple, witch hazel. cedar
- Plainfield no longer wants to be involved
- Question whether to change the location of the pickup; decided to stay with Plnflld Village
- Hope to have the brochures by Town Meeting
- **Friday April 26th** Packaging at Brams.
- **Saturday April 27th** Pickup

Proposed Zoning Changes

- Anne, and 2 other folks attended the open house in addition to the Planning Commission members
- The other folks supported the proposed changes.
- Plan to have additional meetings/hearings
- Planning Commission is anticipating some vacancies

Surface water Classification Update

- Pam from CVRPC and Karen, the Winooski Watershed coordinator will attend March meeting to provide an update
- Motion **to begin meeting at 6:45** to accommodate speakers. Approved Unanimously

Town Meeting:

- **Tuesday March 5th**
- **Set up at 8:15 – 8:30**
- Suggestion to include Forest Block map and also proposed new zoning map

Membership

- Both Annie & Ed need to be reappointed. Annie has notified SB,
- **Ed needs to email Bobbi** with his intention to be reappointed.

Invasive Mapping:

- Taber has input records into iNaturalist into project Invasive Plants of Marshfield
- Others should take photo and enter directly into iNaturalist
- Presently limited to 8 species
- Goutweed presently most abundant

- **MCC members should create an account**, then add Marshfld invasive plants as a project. Will then be able to view a map of all the entries of invasives in town.
- Question of whether can select records by year to see trend
- Suggestion to add invasives map to our Town Meeting display

Other Business:

- Vernal Pool Monitoring Training on **March 6th at NBNC**. **Note** this is also our next meeting date.
- Waterwise Woodlands Workshop managing your woodlot on **March 30: 9 to 1 at Twinfield** including pancake breakfast. We'll have a table as will both Cabot & Plnflld CC, FPR will have a display on Invasive Species
- Will have presentations on woodland ecology by county forester & Friends of Winooski. Also on making maps of your property, tree pruning, winter tree ID, constructing bird houses
- **Folks need to get back to Steve** re volunteering at the event.
- Results from 2018 Water Quality sampling are done. Steve will bring them to Town Meeting.
- Marshfield & Plainfield have been selected as model energy towns. Entails improving the local economy but in a sustainable manner with a conservation focus. There will be additional meeting & presentations in the future to move this forward.

Presented by: Bob Popp

Submitted on: 26 Feb 2019

Approved on: _____